SPORTS FOR EARLY WINTER

Beginning with the Amateurs and Running on Down the Whole Gamut.

WHY THE WILD FOWL DID NOT DALLY HERE

The Belated Mallards Tommy Ryan Writes. The Smith Family Klag of the Joekeys-With Rod and Gun_Queries Answered.



FTER the coming register. This thing.

surely as important to protect men as it is tion of breaking the mark, but as he letic tournaments out here in Omaha, but registered the marvelous time above statewe have the pleasure of reading about them elsewhere, and every whipstitch we have a scandal dished up to us where professionals have been sent in against amateurs and heavily backed by those standing in. But there is to be a change. A registration bureau is to be catablished. Each athlete is to be taxed a nominal sum for a card guaranteeing that he is in good standing according to the rules of the American that the eyes of the whole world are likely Athletic union. The entry blanks will also be revived and each athlete will have to sign his name and number, which must cortain the eyes of the whole world are lawly to be fixed this winter upon events of the deepest importance to the Christian world are not disturbing the people of Athens. They will be pleased, of course, if the sulrespond with the number and name on his card. Copies of the numbers and names but as they are not to have any voice will be in the hands of each handleapper bringing about such results or to be maked and secretary of associations throughout the country. Wherever the matter has been great athletic tournament last apring the do it in Minneapolis, but do not make it look brought up it has met with popular favor. Greek is less and less inclined to bother as if I was going to be too good, for the and at a recent meeting of the Atlantic as- himself about Turkish or Armenian affairs sociation of the American Athletic union He has settled his own little Cretan differthe matter was discussed fully and it was recommended that the delegates of the Atlantic association bring it forward at a left he is preparing to enjoy life in a sporty

All of the great masters of the chess beard who participated in the recent tournaments at Nuremberg and Budapest will in all likelihood visit the United States this winter and engage in a grand battle of queens and pawns. They have all signified their willingness to come, and all that now remains to be done is to take the prizer and agree upon the dates. The ananimous design of the classics. Athletic sports of all kinds have been revived, and from this on all through the winter, which is the gala time for all recreation over there, there will be such a whirl of athletic tournaments as will set the Greek nut a-buzzing in a fashion as will make him think he lives in Omaha. igree upon the dates. The unanimous desire is that the contest consist of a double for is that the contest commit if a contest placarded as the foot ball champions of this country given an experimity to wit. 1896. Yale's stock has been on a rapid of this country given an opportunity to wit-ness the play. H. N. Pillsbury, the American expert, sailed from London for New practice season. She has had several hair-York yesterday. He has been in bad health broadth escapes from defeat at the hands ever since the Nuremberg tournament, but will represent the United States in the weakening in the faith of her adherent coming cable match with England, and will all along the line. Next Saturday she is nest again.

After all the racing on the National circuit Eddie Bald comes out with the highest percentage of winning mounts, this in spite the fact that throughout the season he has been persistently classed as a fail-ure. His work was not of the brilliant

that is so no longer. The once despised lateral gait has been growing in popularity for the past several years, and it is doubtful today whether trotting has the call or not. The smooth-going side-wheelers have invaded the most conservative domains, and whenever the chapmona class harment. whenever the champion class brought to-gether the Gentrys, Robert Js, Patchens and other modern meteors of this gail, it proved at once and incontinently the stellar attraction of the day. During the season just closed, all over the country, the con-During the season tests in which the crack passive took part proved more profitable to the driving park history of light harness racing have the star performers in the pacing ranks been so evenly matched as they were during the past season. They defeated each other in turn, putfing in many heats dangeraged down toward the law. down toward the long-waited-for two-minute that promised most trouble, and they have horse, until late in the campaign they all done as promised all right enough. Ha succumbed to the provers of John R. Gen-try, the great, whose time record stands at 2.00%, and his race record at 2.01%. The racing mare is not in the flight with the horses, but for no reason that any one can discover, still it is a well established fact. It has got about all the oth that the female part of the lateral gaited shortcomings on the calendar. brigade has been unable to keep up with the speed development of the stallions are geldings. Regarding the prespects for the coming season, it can be said without much fear of contradiction, that there is a larger is pretty and exciting. An open game, with number of prospective record breakers than and what in better, Omahans stand a fair show of seeing many of them, for the prospects are that the Driving asso-ciation's June meeting will be a corker.

sults to accertain which family shall be accredited with the biggest winnings. However, there is little use of resorting to mathematics to reach a decision for it looks very much as if the progeny of George Wilkes has away the heat of it, with Baron likes, one of his sens, not only carrying whices one of his sens, not only carrying off the honors for the family, but for all modern sires. Next to Biron Wilkes Alcantara undoubtedly ranks next, with Cambetta Wilkes close upon his heels. Reasoning on the same line, it is quite safe to proclaim that of all the many campaigning stables that of the Hamilton, father and soon, has won by far the most coin. The son, has won by far the most coin. The Hamlius are unquestionably the longesthended and shrewdest pair on the turf. They carry on one of the largest first-class breeding establishments in the world, and are such unerring judges of racing blood and of racing form that they have many advantages ever the smaller fry. It is doubtful whether there has been on the Goddard a chance to get even. He has trotting turf a stable more truly run on business principles of the first class than that of the Hamlins. To begin with, the elder Hamlin is no tyro in the horse business. He began nearly a half a century ago, if not more, to study blood lines, which, added to native good sense, love for the horse and a vast accumulation of wealth, which he was not afraid to spend to carry out his purposes, have easily placed him in the front rank of American breeders.

Charlie Thorne, an ex-Omaha boy, the king of the western jockies with his wife, was at the Merchants over Sunday, and again on Thursday, when he was en route to California, where he rides through the winter season. Charlie was fresh from Latonia's victorious fields, and has been, for a few days past, the guest of his parents over at Whiting, Ia. He sent a mersenger boy up to my residence Sunday afternoon requireting me to come down to "Mogy s" and have a talk. I went, and together we conned ever the results of the past season for an hour or so. Charlie told me many things about jockeys and jockeying that might make interesting reading, but for prudential reasons I will withold most of them for future requisition. He said he had been marvelously successful during the past year, and expects to achieve great things year under his contract with Judge Arkell, from whom he will receive the princely salary of \$10,000 for 1897. He also

mentioning among the lot young Reif, Hill. Britton, and Hart. He also said that the American jockey of today was a very un-reliable quantity, and where there was one hencet lad there was a legion of crooks. He ap we in a praisful manner of Taral, but He spoke in a praisful manner of tasks, did not seem inclined to go much further in his bestowal of compliments on the profesh. It is now quite a settled fact that reach his bestowal of compliments on the profesh. I asked him about his lad ride on Ramiro each other. Both men are in Frisco and I asked him about his lad ride on Ramiro will meet Wednesday evening. December will meet Wednesday evening to a settled fact that reach his bestowal of compliments and sharker will take a crack at each other. Both men are in Frisco and I asked him about his bad ride on Ramiro will meet Wednesday evening the settled fact that reach his bestowal of compliments on the profesh. during his last week at Latonia, and he re-plied that it was simply one of those un-action table bappenings liable to befall any good man, but added that prior to the race annual section of a trife more labor than he really eared when or where, still he must go out. That the Amateur Ath- about undergoing, by the last of this week we have all seen dem natrated repeatedly lette unton it is he will be in the saddle on the coast and go within the past five years. quite probable that up against a lot of new joins, but it is a quite probable that safe but that he will ride on top of all of

of ringing in well. Saturday a week ago was a great day, inknown professionals and the history of smatter athletics. The history of smatter athletics in the history of smatter athletics, the crack American sprinter, shattered two world's records, the 100 and 300-yard runs. The history of smatter of two world's records, the 100 and 300-yard runs. The clipped a fifth of a second off in the first, hill of beans, and fights can be so ration. citedly threader, doing the distance in 3.5. and the scale that they are really good, in 30.2-5. It was his last appearance for not light Steve. He says I the year, and a brilliant closing he made in gets through with Pira "ringing" in the code of the furt, and it is was not made with any very foul anticipation. homes, and this is evidently the conclusion over the path like a streak of what the big the union has arrived at. Of course we result, and when his flying form shapped do not get to see very many amateur aththis time for the regular scheduled the 200-yard run. His wonderful perform-ance of a few moments previous had prepared the crowd for another great treat, but that did not prevent them from giving him a grand evation after he had torn off the

> The portentous clouds that seem threaten the Turkish empire and the fact tan is deposed and his empire dismantled, mere lookers on. Since the success of the ences with the Turk in an amiable sort of self he is preparing to enjoy life in a sporty way as he has not known since the ancient days of the classies. Athletic sports of all

The Princeton Tigers are already being decline almost since the ovening of the of ordinary teams, and there is a general weakening in the faith of her adherents probably be matched against Lasker for the championship of the world before the robins hard work in store for the men during the next six days if they have any pretensions to victory. The Jerseymen have an exto victory. The Jerseymen have an ex-ceptionally strong team this year, and this coupled with Old Ell's poor showing, makes New Haven foot ball enthusiasts feet pretty quiet. The team may brace up by Saturday next, but I seriously doubt it Never before has its work been so ragge a fairly consistent performer from the first. Butler has proved himself the phenomenal rider of the year, and it is to be regretted that he did not join the circuit in its first stages, which would have landed him at the ton of the tree. He is already since the scann because her are her archives the scann because her archives the man had practice in this branch every day since the scann because. as this fall. The situation of the n him at the top of the tree. He is already planning next season's campaign, pre-liminary to which he will winter here. There was a time when the pacing horse this week, and it is expected that they will was in presty general contempt and cut but get the men in some sort of shape for the little figure in the calendar of the turf. But that is so no longer. The once despised Thursday they started to work on a new rode of signal. be foolish, as it is well known that Yale's forwards are neither particularly big or strong, and the backs are but little better. with one or two exceptions. In every game they have played thus far these close formations have been tried and almost invariably they have resulted disastrously.

> Had they good men in these positions today there is no doubt that the Quaker foot ball eleven. The with all its many other phortcomings would be strong enough to defeat Harvard on November 21. It hasn't got them, but it has got about all the other conceivable

Teams which have weak rush lines or light backs can use all the fancy plays they desire, and against a similar team the effect generalship, as shown in sending men against the other line, guarding runners, etc., is a beautiful thing to look at and for the propects are that the Driving association's June meeting will be a corker.

Speaking of the light harness season reminds me that the turf statisticians—and
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Tacticians are now in as much demand on the direction of direction, currents, the gridien as the battlefield. Men of wind velocity and high and low pressure. the gridiren as the battlefield. Men of shrewd brain take cleven counters, representing their players, and map out positions and plays. When the time comes these plays are tested. Sometimes they prove grandly successful and in others the enemy sees the trick before it is fairly issueded and the play is an utter failure, the attacking line being caved in, breken and driven back. Chance, of course, enters into all these matters. The finest wedge or mass play ever executed is a frest if anybody fumbles the ball, and it has often happened that some tackle on the other side has plunged wildly into the moving wedge, without the slightest idea of what he was doing, and upset the whole arrangement.

Goddard a chance to get even. He has ertainly known ever since that memorable night back in 1893, down in the Olympic arena at New Orleans, when Prof John Duffy virtually presented him with his first fight with the gigantic slugger from the back blocks, that he had about as much chance of repeating the trick as he has of being called to McKinley's cabinet. I'll never forget that night myself. vast crowd, including club officials, referee and everybody else, was pulling for Deliver Ed. Every hand was raised against the burly champion of the barriers, and the fight was one of the toughest speciacles I ever witnessed. It was little better than a bar room broil. Both contestants were bathed in their own gore, and up to the seventeenth round Smith was only in it by the virtue of the gods. In this round, however, he came again, and gave the big Australian a terrific punching, and in the next round he handed him some more. knocking him down three times and out just as the gong clanged. Goddard did not know he was out, or anybody clae, as Duffy got through with the counting process so rapidly that in the din no one could keep track of it. They had to hold Goddard off lie was as strong as a built, and enraged to the point of fury. He couldn't understand why they wouldn't let him go and get Edward, and when they did make him understand that he was out, he breke down and shed a bucket full of tears, if e swore by the tail of the mangoose that Denver revive, and the food supply the ducks must ify. I told him to give it to them and he knocking him down three times and suf

I mark Fitzsimmons up at about 3 or 4 It should not take more than a half tool man, but added that prior to the race dozen rounds for him to show ea just how for a day or two he had been having a good good the aquatic is. Many will argue that for a day or two he had been having a good good the aquatic is. Many will argue that deal of trouble with his eyes, and, in fast the sailor can take all the drubing that the sailor can take all the drubing that pupils of his eyes, which were swellen to and then like our fag, still be there. I do not believe it. The callousity of his jaw will wise the famous jockey was booking "ready not be sufficient to endure many of those many" all over. He said he could still get famous half-arm jolts. The man Robert own to 100 and ride enter, but it required finils on squarely must go out, I know not trife more labor than he really cared when or where, still be must go out. That

Well, sir, I hope to never see the back amateur athletes then. He comes pretty nearly being the of my neck if Steve O'Donnell hasn't challenged to premier of American Jockeys.

This thing that they are really good. But Corbett will not fight Steve. He says he must wait until he gets through with Fitzsimmons. What's

The Smith family cut quite a swath is fistic facts list week. Over in Engined Solly Smith lambasted the life out of Wille Smith, while in South Africa Denver Ed Smith was whalloped by Josephus Goldard. But it can be depended on these events detailed retire permanently a couple of members of and Willie are new high up on the shelf do not think is really so among the other canned goods, and are one i originally advanced. liable to stay there for a good long while.

The following letter speaks for liself: SYRACUSE, N. Y., Nov. 11.-Dear Sandy Thought I would write you a line or two and give you some idea of my condition for my fourth fight with Billy Smith, which takes place within a few weeks, in New York, have not been well for a year and it was my own fault that Kid McCoy beat me. I have a fine man handling me now, as you will know when I tell you he is Jimmy Handler. He will get me "right" for Smith, never fear. He is a strong fellow and handy every WRY. This time I think I will whip Smith as decisively as I did when you saw me people think that I am going back am not, still I am satisfied to have them think so. I am training out on the Plant road near this city, and geiting better and better every day. Can't you come down and see the fun? Write, and give Bandle, "Spud" and all the boys my best.-Tommy Ryan.

The famous Butte foot ball team is making prite a victorious onslaught upon the teams in our vicinity and will take many a good scalp back to the mountains with Last season the Denver boys won from Butte, but this time the mountaineers were loaded for bear and gave the Denver lads such a walloping that they will not forget it soon. Last Thursday they got after our own State university team and wallo it to them by the tune of 20 to 6. They are to extend this trip eastward, and expect to play Chicago and other eastern teams and can be relied upon to give a good account of themselves

THE FALL WILD FOWL SHOOTING. With Interesting Gossip Anent the



far as this vicinity drawing to a rapid close, but there will probably be some sport yet with belated mallards, and, as for geese, they

The kills everywhere, a disappointment. from the Sweetwater's reedy bottoms to the sand-embedded marshes and lakes in the western chop hills, have been small and the sportsmen are at a loss for an explanation of the causes. It certainly was not from either a lack of water or a lack of feed, for all over the state the marshes were in the best condition, the lakes and rivers at normal depth and the feed apnormal depth and the feed parently unprecedentedly abundant. I think I can pretty clearly clear up the mystery. As all sportsment will remember, we had quite a severe cold snap throughout this territory during the latter

lays of September and early in October, but not until within the past ten days have they had any sort of winter weather in North Dakota and southern British Columbia. There was a large area of country in the extreme north all through the fall weeks where the weather remained mild, without interruption, and, as equally advantageous onditions for water and feed exist up there Dakota and Nebraska, the main body of wild fowl felt no pressure to seek better accom-modations farther south, but every induce ment to remain where they were disport-ing in the cool waters and gorging themselves with the delicacies of the region. The meteorological instinct of the migratory birds is as unfailing as the coming and going of the seasons, and Prof. Welsh, with all his improved apparatus, can

But to go back a bit, the advance guard of the hordes of wild fowl which seminaually pass over this country put in an appearance at an early date this fall. Quite a large number came down with September's first cool days, but the flight was spasmodic and of but short duration, and and a general Arctic wave struck all this northern country. Then they preened themselves for a long journey. They knew it would be foolbardy to stop here, where the

slough, and prepared themselves for a flight that terminated only upon the soggy plateaus of New Mexico or the wide stretches of marshland in southern Texas. Of course more or less of the birds dropped down here and at points all over the terri-tory intervening between the northern breeding and southern feeding grounds, but in no locality in this broad domain have they shown up with their customary autumnal plert'tude. The main issue of birds never halted in this intermediate territory, but passed on south, where they knew the conditions they sought would continue until again the season for mating and nidification rolls around. This and this alone, in my opinion, is what caused the moderate shooting in this latitude this fall. But there is still another tenable explanation. Such another arid season as this part of the country emerged from last fall has not marred the prosperity of the state in its history. In 1804 it came on early in June, continued unintersuptedly throughout the summer and fall, and during the summer and winter of 1895 but light and inconsequential rain or snow falls broke in upon the arid sway. The result of that memorable drouth was

here at the last Council Bluffs meeting. Ed. couldn't lick him in a hundred years, and will have was absent. Of course there did-both barrels, as they were just lifting his grandfathers, that he would fight the family only; nourcedents must pay a \$20

shooting there must be plenty of water. But plenty of water without plenty of feed would not mend matters. With lakes and sloughs allied with naught but water and non-feed bearing plants there would be but

e north and western sanihills were naught it wastes of dried and empty stalks; ail utritious seeds were shriveled up, and there was nothing but a sere and yellow spread of leaf and tendril everywhere. Where the far famed spiralis vallisheria, (wild celery) had hitherto flourished in luxuriance, it had disappeared absolutely, while all of the aquatic plants and grakes were next to literally withered grass, touched by the rays of a burnt out on pany of the best grounds of wintry sun. Ah, Jack, when wift the Nebraska and South Dakota, and there was memory of that day wane? no chance for the birds to fatten on those farenacious deposits as necessary to their welfare. FThey were forced on to more favored lands for the subsqueous delicacies they formerly found so abundant here. As I previously intimated, the failure of the birds' real food supply from the causes herein detailed may have been the one potent retire permanently a couple of members of the illustrious family, for surely Denver Ed and Willie are new high up on the shelf do not think is really so plausible as the pion.

> In talking about guns last week I failed to mention that there is a new idea now in repeating shotguns which has much to recommend it. Billy Townsend tells me that this repeater is to give four shots to an ordinary fowling piece, without the varia-tion in balance which is a defect in the oldstyle magazine fowling pieces. In the ne-gun two cartridges are placed in the brees as usual, and two more are inserted in chambers at each side of the gun. When the two cartridges in the breech are dis charged in the usual way, by the right an left triggers, the barrels are unlocked by a third trigger. Instead of being "broken down," they are slid forward on their own axis, which movement cocks the piece, throws out the empty shells, or shell, and brings the new shells into position, he barrels are slid back. The entire operation takes only the time to slide an ordinal epeater action back and forth. By thi mechanism Lieutenant G. N. Whistler of the Fifth United States artillery fixed four shots at a target in five seconds, and it is claime y the makers that the four shots can b fired with accuracy in two seconds. Either the right or the left barrel can be fired, and when only one shell is emptied the repeating action will throw out only the empty shell, the full shell being retained in the gun until fired. For those who want t four-shot gun this appears to be a goo-veapon, but it is more suited to the battin hooting of Europe than for the use of the average hunter and sportsman of this co Four shots are regarded as too much like pothunting to suit sportsmen here.

Bort Claridge of Raltimore was relieved Tuesday last by George J. Roll of Blu-Island, Ill., on the grounds of the Baltimore 50 to Claridge's 45. Roll also recently de feated Dr. Carver. He is but 20 years of age, and first came into prominence as is concerned, is crack shot at the Dupout tournament Chicago, where he was among those who tled Claridge, but missed his third bird in the shoot off.

congratulated on the good work accomlished during the past season, as well a fields and on the say one season during the commission's river all through existence, and favorable reports have been this month and far received from almost every point where into December. The Contrary to gen-distributing car is still out, but the fast from the Western league, the old organiza-ral expectation, the approach of wintry weather will more than cral expectation, the approach of wintry weather will more than autumn wild fowl likely now cause a cessation in the commission's labors. Next year, however, they In tend to begin operations with renewed vigor sults. By the way, my esteemed friend, the president of the commission, Hon. Lew May, has invited me to a German carp dinner. its has read my frequent exhortations in The Bee against the further introduction of cannot tell it from a black bass. can't do it. I have encountered the German carp years before I ever knew the Hon. Lew May, and know what I am talking abou But to cut the controversy short, I will bet Mr. May the \$6,000 Hugh Murphy won on the election that he can't serve a German carp that I would touch with a ten-foot pole.

Billy Marsh and George Small put in day last week out on the Platte, somewhere If he does this Omaha can be depended upon in the vicinity of Valley. They were upon as the seat of action. The entire Western quail shooting trip ostensibly, but it seems that Bob White failed to cut much of a figure in the final summing up, as they banged but six. They, however, made great showing on returning, having, in ad dition to the half desen quall, neven hig just now nothing definite can be ascertaine fat prairie chicken, six mallards, four squir rels and two rabbits.

On Saturday last livine Gardner and "Plumber" Read met in a little fifty live-bird till over on the Omaha Gun club grounds. The spectacled kid dish't do a thing to the old vet, but outshoot him by a margin of four birds, Gardner killing 45

Stockton Heth and Judge Tunnecliffe were in the brush up above Florence the other day. They were should over their new imported English setter "Sport"—and he is a fine dog—and brought in seventeen quail, three chicken and a rabbit or two.

Dr. Charles E. Smith spent the last week with Mr. Claffin at his camp, De Wavey, up on Coyote slough in South Dakota, and says he never enjoyed a week's better sport.

The sporting editor has received notice from Charles Zwerlein, of Yardville, N. J., would be footbardy to stop here, where the that the big live bird shoot which he has ice has begun to block up stream and arranged will take place on December 1, 2 slough, and prepared themselves for a flight and 3. On December 1 the event will be 25 live birds, entrance \$25; birds extra, 25 cents each. Purse to be divided 59, 39 and cents each. Furse to be divided 50, 33 and 20 per cent; handleng 28 and 32 yards. On December 2 and 3 the championship event will be shot, which will be 190 birds, entrance \$100, high gun or guns to win. All contestants to stand at 30 yards, 50 yards bobulary from one set of traps. An extraset of traps will be used for open sweeps. All entries must be made to Charles Zwerlein, Yardville, N. J., before November 20, by sending a furfeit of \$10. It'is expected by sending a forfeit of \$10. It's expected that ten to fifteen entries will be obtained, and that the shoot will be well worth seeing.

> Talking about late duck shooting, Mr. J C. Morrison and I went out to Sutherland on the Union Pacific on the 3d of December, 1894, and made a record kill. We were really after geese, but the honkers not evincing any particular inclination to come in and be killed, Jack and I hooked up or wagon and drove up the Platte. W proceeded a couple of miles, possibly, we discovered a tremendous flock of mal lards, say a thousand or so, huddled close together under the north bank of the river The wind was blowing icides and the bird

Ed. couldn't lick him in a hundred years, and will have was absent. Of course there and really I don't believe he could. Anyway he did not do it last Saturday night when he gave the hero of the gold fields a second that. Goddard knocked him out in four rounds.

It is now quite a settled fact that Figural in the search of the set of it, and it may be this condition of things the property of the p oming in here.

As I have always asserted, for good duck hearing them back profits the point he plants of water rearly within range of the spot where we were standing. We hurrisdly reloaded and lay elatreiche I on our backs in the grass. More than we had calculated, the big flock raue plumb over us and our four barrels nested us three more. These fell on the ittle opportunity for the palmiped beautica to eke out a livelihood, and no matter how auspicious the squeous and atmospheric conditions, the birds would not deigh such. The current at this point was swift and full conditions, the birds would not delph such a locality much more than a cursory visit, but continue awing to haunts more in conformity with their requirements for refreshment and each continue away to the continue away to be a such that the continue away to have the conformity with their requirements for refreshment and each continue away to the continue away to th ment and rest.

As all my sfortenen friends will recollect there was but a modicum of good shooting either in the fall of 1804 or 1805. We know

There were seven of these and three on the ben that this was because the drough had bar, but we got every feather. The last bir sined the crip of feed. The wild rice fields in we mailed had been carried down the rive we railed had been carried down the river for nearly a mile, but we finally succeeded getting him, and that, too, without get ng wet. And what a bag of birds tha ting wet. And what a bag of birds that bakers' dozen made! They were in the very height of fail plumage, a mass of royal color, with emerals-hooded heads and purple splotched wings. I never saw such a mag-nificent lot of birds as they lay there on the

> It is said that Fred Gilbert will shortly hallenge Rolla O. Heikes for the American 17. C. Powder company champion cup, which Helkes won from him at Chicago in an individual match. Gilbert has had a rest and is in aplended condition. F is always in shooting form and on his own grounds he will be a hard man to defeat. The man who wins will be a real live cham

> The goese have come in along the upper Missouri and the Platte in large numbers during the past few days, and good sport is pretty well assured at any of the wellknown favorite points on either river.

> Charles Scribner's Sons last addition to The Out-of-Door Library" is a handsomel ound 305 page volume entitled "Angling. compilation of interesting and instrucive articles embracing the Fly Books," "The Land of the Wina "Nipigon River Fishing," "Striped shing," "The Haunts of the Black Bass Fishing," "The Haunts of the Black Sea Bass," "Tarpon Fishing in Florida," "American Game Fishes" and "Izaak Wal-ton." It is beautifully illustrated, breezy, fresh, and delightful. To be had at Me-

> geath's Another valuable work which has reached my table is Walter Camp and Lorin P Deland's "Football." 425 pages, neatly bound. Camp and Deland are the recog zed authorities on the great college sport thing pertaining thereto from its ancier rigin down to the rules for the presengame should con the pages of this book, as it is chock full of the beauties and stories of the game, Houghton, Mifflin & Co. Me

LAST TURN OF THE CRANK Base Ball Palayer Gathered from the Diamond's Four Corners. Although sensations galore were promised

o develop at the Western league meeting

of both the Dupout trophy and the wing- be looked forward to with redoubled in-shot championship of the United States on terest. The National board did not shut off crest. The National board did not shut off Indianapolis and Minneapolis by declining to let them out of the league and apparently they have prepared for a new deal to b worked out later. The fact that articles of incorporation were filed on Wednesday last for the "Indianapolla Athletic association," in | means that there is a Senegambian in the woodpile somewhere. These popers stated that the association was for the giving of thletic exhibitions and base ball games and means more than the surface indica-The state fish-commissioners are to be tions show. John T. Brush and those conected with this new organization have beelined to say just what the plan is, and if as for geese, they upon the outlook for next year. More fish the truth were known he probably has not made up his mind precisely what line of action he will pursue. But it is the supposi-tion that if the National board at its next meeting should reject the petition of Indianapolis and Minneapolis to be released sermitted to die and this new one will form ne nucleus of another league. And now as oug as the Western league, at its meeting Thursday, re-elected Ban Johnson president, retained the old board of directors, and greed to keep Columbus and Grand Rapids the league for another year, ertainly not be long before we will know that we will know. If Indianapolis and this coarse and noxious fish in our waters and is evidently inclined to kick in the of this scheme. Omaha yet has a chance of traces. He says he can serve a German seeing first-class professional ball next carp a Is mode, that is, in a way that I sees in. All hope has not disappeared by a seas n. All hope has not disappeared by a long shot. Louisville just now, through Dr. Stuckey, is cutting quite a gash in National league affairs. His action in allying himelf with the strong combine consisting of linelineati, Brooklyn, Baltimore, St. Louis and Cleveland, comes pretty nearly guaranteeing that he can have about whatever he asks for. His team will be materially trengthened, and he will follow the example of Chicago and Cincinnati and run a "farm. If he does this Omaha can be depended upo league, with the exception of Milwaukee. Grand Rapids and Columbus, wants the Gate City in the Western end of the circuit, and if she is not taken in this year, it is dollars to dimes she will be next. However Everything depends upon the next move of Minneapolls and Indianapolis. There seems to be little doubt but what Amos itusie is about to create a big rumpus

within the internals of the National league Failing to secure his release from the New York Base Ball club at the hands of the National league the big pitcher filed a bill for an injunction in the federal court it Chicago Thursday in order to secure hi release by legal process, Incidentally Russic's application to the court means more than his personal release, if granted. It would mean that the rights of reservation no legal standing, and makes an open field at the close of each season for the contracting of players for the following season. The bill for injunction declares that the combina tion of the National league is unlawful and unreassyable, and if enforced will work when the atmosphere again softened up there a great many of them went back north. But the great mass of birds did not move that the great mass of birds did not move can the north by the thousand, the recovery of \$5.000 damages by reason of the warm spell in the north drew to a close a close of the second of the north drew to a close of the second of No time has been set for the hearing of the bill, but it is a good bet that it will b That the league's reservation clause would stand but a flimsy show in any court of lawyers in the country. But there is lit-ile likelihood of the case ever being tried. The National league does not dare go into the courts with a fight of this kind, perma-nent and irretrievable disaster is too menacing. A compromise will be effected with the big hoosier twirier, as the ensiest way out of the muddle. This decisive move on his part will in all probability bring the natter to a speedy head. It is reasonable too, to suppose that Rusie will get a whole or a part of the damages he sues for. No tribunal in the country will refuse a man the right to earn a living simply because he refuses to comply with the unreasonable deusnds of a tyrannical employer.

Priday's session of the League magnates was a rather tropical affair, and for a time t looked as if the grand old body was resting upon a smouldering volcano. By rare diplomacy, however, an eruption was averted. In a wild harangue Andrew Freedman, the owner of the New York club, as-serted that the suits brought against him by Amea Rusie had been instigated by other proprietors of League clubs. He did not go so far as to name them, but his eyes remained riveted upon John T. Brush and Frank De Hals Robinson. Had he men-tloned the patronymics of these two bosses, there would have been a chance for a knocklown and no mistake. The upshot of the chole affair goes to show that the Rusie move has been a staggerer, not only to Mr Freedman, but to the whole league, and a speedy adjustment with the big pitcher may be expected, notwithstanding said that there were several great riders by the tail of the mongoose that Denver revive, and the food supply the ducks must fly. I told him to give it to them and he tained attorneys and swore by the shades of

case to the bitter end.

Ned Cartwright and his wife are taking life easy at Morehead City, in the Old North state. He is combining business with pleasure and owns a fishing smack and is supplying the market with finny specimens and game. The Cartweights are coming north to spend the Christmas helidays in Ohio. Youngstown is their old home

While Cleveland is not willing to part | mercial club, at which a large gathering of with Oliver Wendell Tobeau, it will not re or away, but the proposition to trade "Old principal function of the evening was the catch Pie" for Fred Clarke has given De. presentation of a handerme after cup, given Hunt Stucky an attack of that tired by President M. A. Hall for the best batting

Colonel McAleer is busy counting up the Mr. Harry New, and also the club prize for weivet be wen on the major. The Civre-ability will give the original McKinley man in argument on any occasion, for he claims a have a first mortgage on that distinction

Manager Con Mack is telling the Milway keens that he has his lines out for a new second baseman who is a carker. That's, his "werry language." Wisconsin fons will be glad to see such a find float in. George Cuppy has joined the prohibition

lats. He lost his election bet, which called for abstinence from the beer habit for one year, "Dusty" Miller of Cincinnati should have put his money the same way. Ex-President Hickey of the Western association refuses to give out the official aver-

Philadelphia exprets to capture Amle Rusle and "Muggsy" McGraw. The Quakers are aiming for big game, but it is one thing to aim at and another to bag the prizes. Jim Sullivan, the old Lincoln first baseman, spent a couple of days in Omaha the east week, slopping off here enroute from Chicago to his home in San Francisco.

Arthur Twineham has hung a red lanters on his front porch. He is a good batsman, and he would like some league club in need of a catcher to draft him. Walter Wilmot says that Perry Werden

eday is the best first baseman in the busines. Minneapolis must be anxious to sell the "pie king," Jimmy Slagle, the ex-Omahog, secured by Boston from the Texas league, already object of knockers. Jimmy may fool

em, though. Fred Pfeffer played 450 games of base ball between April, 1888, and April, 1890-a record equaled by no player in the business More than one of the old timers have made their last appearance as a major league player—but they don't know it yet. Dave Foutz is said to be negotiating for the managing of Grand Rapids next sesson He also would play first base.

They have an idea in Brooklyn that 'Loole' Bierbauer will look well in Tom Daly's brogans. Pete Browning says he'll be back in the ame again next season. Old Pete is dying

Questions and Answers.

SEWARD, Neb., Nov. II.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: Would you please answer in Sunday's Ree the following question: Four men sat down to play poker. A opens the pot, B and C stay; A draws one In Chicago Thursday, none cropped out. card, B draws three, C draws three. After Still this is no guarantee that they are not the draw A says I could not open the pot yet forthcoming, and the March meeting will and shows down a pair of fours; B shows Who wins the pot, and do A and C lese their money?-G. Hulshizer.

Ans.-When a jackpot has been falsely, but absolutely, opened, it must be played for as though the opening had been legitimate; but under no circumstances can the second time winning the cup. false opener win it. In case all the other players have surrendered their hands, the pot is played for with the penalty added. the same dealer dealing again, the offender cago and St. Paul could produce. His scores participating. The penalty for a false opening is for the player who made it to put into the pot an amount equal to the total amount of the pool at the time the faisity into the pot an amount equal to the total class bowling and at the same time defend amount of the pool at the time the falsity of the opening was declared, and retire from that round. In case of an error of this kind any other player, to the left of the putativopener, having a pair of jacks or better car open. If the error is found out after the cards are drawn, and no hand has a pair of openers, that round of jackpots is null and

HUMPHREY, Nov. 11 .- To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: Please decide the following bet in Sunday's Bee: M was weighed in the presence of G; M's weight was 14. pounds. G bets that he weighs fifty pour more than M. M took the bet. G's weight was seventy pounds more than M. wins the bet?-M. Hishan.

Ans.-G. To the Sporting Editor of The Ree; To decide a bet please give the following answer in the Wednesday South Omaba news column: A bets B that a law can be passed by congress and become a law without the president a signature. (2) Has it been done under Cleveland's administration?—A Sub-Ans,-(1) Yes. (2) Yes, the Wilson Tariff

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Nov. 12. To the

Sporting Editor of The Bee: (I) Please answer in Sunday's Ree where do the presidential electors assemble, and what forms do they go through? (2) Has auyone ate thirty qualis in thirty days?—W. T. B. Ans. (I) In my office. They first stand on their heads, then jump through a hoop, ourl up like a cockroach and elect the president. (2) Yes, send me thirty and I'll show ou how it is done, NEBRASKA CITY, Nov. 6 .- To the Sport-

ing Editor of The Bec: A bet was made on one side that McKinley would carry the city of Nebraska City, and on the other side that Bryan would carry it. The official rethree McKinley electors carried the city Will you please decide and publish in Sunday's Bee, if possible, whether the party betting on Bryan won the bet or whether it should be declared a draw?-H. R. Young. Ans .- It is a draw, neither side carried the

TEKAMAH, Neb., Nev. 6.-To the Sporting Editor of The Ive: To decide a bet please answer: A bets B that McKinley will be the next president. How long will A have to wait until he can demand the money? Also by what majority did Mc-Kinley carry Ohio?—Charles Altschuler. Ans—(1) I den't know, it all depends on

B's stubbornness. A wiss and the bet should be paid at once. (2) Read the papers. OMAHA, Nov. 6.—To the Sporting Editor of The Ree: In a game of poker a man opens a jackpot and no one stays, he shot a pair of jacks for openers and three oth a pair of jacks for openers and three other cards. Is he obliged to turn the other cards face up, or is it sufficient to show openers and three other cards? As answer in Sunday's fiee will oblige?-An Old Subscriber.
Ans.-If any of the players demand it he

must show all five, face up.

CARROLL, Ia., Nov. 5.—To the Sporting
Editor of The Bee: A bets B that out of
forty-four states Bryan will carry more forty-ions states by an extended the forty states than McKinley. Out of the forty four attates (heretofore agreed upon) Bryan carries twenty-two states. Who wins the het? How would it be decided?—George W. Bowers. Ans.-George, I am surprised at you-the

Ann.—George, I am adjusted at your manner old chestnut—a draw.

OMAHA, Nov. 14.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: In answering my questions concerning Union Pacific-Port Huron bull games, you are made to say in las Sunday's Ree that they occurred in 1893 Sunday's few that they occurred in 1893. This, I presume, is a typographical error, but as it is to decide a bet, will you please correct same in next Sunday's issue?—G. g. Winsom. Ans.-1883.

Ans.—1833.
HASTINGS, Neb., Nov. 13.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: A bets that McKinley will carry Kentucky, B bets that Bryan will carry Kentucky, If Bryan has one or two in the electoral vote of the state does A win the bet, or should it be a draw? Please answer the above in the Sunday Rec*—F. C. Bab. the above in the Sunday Bee !- F. C. Bat

Ans.-It is a draw. Neither McKinley Bryan carried Kentucky. McKinley geta 12 of the electoral votes, Bryan 1.
PRATT, Wyo., Nov. 8.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: To decide a bet please answer in next Sunday's Bee. What is the distance by rail between New York and Chicago and between Omaha and San Fran cisco, Cai? What is the game law on deer and grouse in Wyoming?—Constant Reader. Ana.—(1) 852. (2) 2,357. (3) Deer may be killed in September, October and November for the purpose of food for hunter and

license, under same conditions, from August 15 to November 1.

CRICKET PROSPECTS IN OMAHA.

Last Senson's Work of the O. C. C. and the Puture Anticipated. The cricket season of the Omaha Cricket club was firtingly brought to a close a week ago, when a "smoker" was held in the Comcricketers and their triends assembled. The average for the season, which was wen by During the past season the club has en-

joyed unusual prosperity, being free from For this most desirable result, creat should be given to the retiring president, Mr. M. A. Hall, who has been most energetic and successful in his endeavors to place the Although it may be somewhat difficult to file Mr. Hall's shoes, yet the club has, in its newly elected president, Mr. John Franc's, an enthusiastic cricketer, a keen all-round sportsman, and one that has the best interests of the club at heart, and who will in the future, as in the past, try to still more impresse the efficiency of the club. ages because his salary has not yet been paid, and just think of it, those averages are worth fully 35 cents. Those scribes who picture Chris Von der negotiations are now on foot with the view the as a know nothing only present a of securing Denver, Colorado Springs, Ahe as a know nothing only present a sketch of their own failure to grasp the Kansas City and other clubs to visit this situation. "Der Hoss" cut his eye teeth city next year, and if the club is successful in getting a few of these clubs to play on the home grounds it will be a step in the forward direction. A team was sent to Chicago in July to try conclusions with all Chicago, St. Paul and Winnipeg, and, although Omaha came out at the small end of the wedge, many valuable lessons were learned during the visit. The most important matter accomplished, from a cricket standpoint, was the formation of the Northwestern Cricket association, composed of representative teams from the following cities: Chicago, St. Paul, Winnipeg and Omaha. Next year the association will meet in St. Paul, while the following year—the expesition year—Omaha will be the center of at-graction, and it is anticipated that St. Louis, Kansas City and Lincoln may be induced to join, and swell the ranks of cricket clubs in

In Chicago it was demonstrated beyond all uestion that first-class cricket can only be attained by playing on perfect grounds, and absolutely true wickets. The grounds in that city are first-class, but are kept up at great expense. After considerable discussion on this important question, it has been decided that next year, in place of playing on sod, that marting will be used, giving, at the least possible outlay of money, a perfect wicket on which the batter and bowler ave equal chances, perhaps slightly favor of the bataman. This perfect wicket give the batsman great confidence and tend to increase his averages. It was in this respect that the club fell down before its opponents in Chicago. It is also arranged that three practice nets with marting pitches will be creeted, so that the players can have milimited practice on a true wicket. With his program in view it is hoped that when Omaba again meets his opponents in St. Paul and elsewhere that it will show up to nuch better advantage.

The home games with the Gate City Cricket club resulted in three straight victories for the Omahas. The teams of eightern and twenty-two brought against the chib by Messas. Hill and Fillditch were so offeets ally eclipsed that their light has gone out for this scason at legat.

for this season at least.

In reviewing the game during last season Harry New stands out prominently at the head of the batting averages, he for the second time winning the cup. Mr. New had again shown himself to be Omaha's best batsman, not only at home, but on furcish grounds and against the best bowling Chiof 29 and 34 in Chicago in July were sum-clent evidence that he could hit hard, firstaptain for the coming season, a position he is well qualified to fill with credit to

he is well qualified to hit with credit to himself and the club.

Will Vaughan captures the best bowling analysis, although his brother, George, gave him a bard run. At home his trunding was sometimes unplayable, while in Chi-cago, against the best bats in that city in the litst game, he took six wickets. The example set by these two players in their respective lines should be followed by all lub members to the best of their ability.

Next year the clubs bid fair to be on a still stronger footing, several first-class cricketers having signified their willingness o become members. Herewith will be found the batting and bowing averages for the past year:

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